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Newton County tax relief bill approved by the General Assembly

ATLANTA – A tax relief bill for citizens of Newton County has been approved by the House of Representatives. Senate Bill 316, sponsored by Sen. John Douglas (R-Covington), has already received a yes vote in the Senate.



The bill will provide tax relief to senior residents by granting a homestead exemption from Newton County ad valorem taxes for school district maintenance and operations purposes. The homestead exemption amounts to \$30,000 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents who are 65 years of age or over and whose annual adjusted gross income does not exceed \$25,000.

“Tax relief for seniors is an important issue, and I am glad to see that the General Assembly has agreed to help reduce the tax burden for those senior property owners who often get by on limited incomes,” Sen. Douglas said. “If the voters of Newton County approve this ballot question, the Board of Education will implement the legislation, and senior tax relief will be on the way.”

The referendum will appear on the ballot during the 2008 presidential primary.

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Sen. John Douglas serves as Chairman of the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. He represents the 17th Senate District which includes Newton County and portions of Henry, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton counties. He may be reached by phone at 404.656.0503 or by e-mail at john.douglas@senate.ga.gov.